

BREAST IMPLANTABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A breast implant has at least an outer shell
which is composed of a resorbable material. The implant,
which can be formed entirely of bioresorbable material,
is sized and shaped to replace excised tissue. The
10 implant supports surrounding tissue upon implantation,
while allowing for in-growth of fibrous tissue to replace
the implant. According to various alternative
embodiments, the implant is elastically compressible, or
can be formed from self-expanding foam or sponges, and
15 can be implanted through a cannula or by injection, as
well as by open procedures. The implant also is capable
of carrying therapeutic and diagnostic substances.